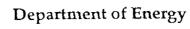
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Mr. Tim Rehder Rocky Flats Project Manager United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII 999 18th Street, Suite 500 Denver, Colorado 80202-2466

Dear Mr. Rehder:

The U.S. Department of Energy Rocky Flats Field Office is pleased to transmit two copies of the enclosed Final Sampling and Analysis Plan to Support the Source Removal at The Trench 1 Site, with responses to EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) comments incorporated. Per telecon with your staff on April 23, 1998, and correspondence received on April 20, 1998, responses to all comments have been adequately addressed and the Sampling and Analysis Plan is approved.

In the referenced correspondence, concerns were raised regarding the ability of gamma spectroscopy to detect plutonium (through americium) at levels required by the Starmet Corporation. Initial gamma spectroscopy modeling, conducted by Canberra Industries, indicates that the americium detection level required to infer total plutonium at or below 50 pCi/g cannot be met in a depleted uranium matrix. Therefore, for the depleted uranium intended for treatment at Starmet, plutonium will be evaluated by alpha spectroscopy in the Building 559 Laboratory.

We appreciate your continued support in meeting our accelerated project schedules. If you should have any overall questions please contact me at 303-966-5918 or if you have any technical questions, contact Norma I. Castaneda at 303-966-4226.

Sincerely

Joseph A. Legare Assistant Manager for

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